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## FRENCH ARE DRIVING CLOSE TO PERRONE

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### VIOLENT GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

Heavy Rains Interfere With Activities on the British Front—

No Decisive Result Has Been Achieved by Either the Austro-Germans or the Russians in the Violent Fighting Which Has Been Going on for Several Days in Volhynia and Galicia—Rumanians Have Assumed the Offensive on Their Own Border—Bulgarians Are Bringing Up Reinforcements in the Vicinity of Monastir.

Gradually the French are drawing their front closer to the town of Perrone, on the eastern bank of the Somme River in France. Following Wednesday's advance along a mile front between Blaches and La Malsonette, on the west side of the river, an attack launched Thursday was repulsed with further gains, which virtually brings them to the bank of the stream.

To the north and east of Salvi-Salliaet, where the French have advanced their line in the few days at what the Berlin war office asserts was a cost in casualties not commensurate with the gain, the Germans have made a violent counter-attack, which was repulsed by the French.

Berlin admits that in their attack on the Sarr-Morval from the British captured German positions, but says these later were taken. Heavy rains fell Thursday on the British front, except for a slight gain by King George's men at Butte de Warlencourt, and the remainder of the front was quiet, there comparative quiet prevailed.

As yet no decisive result has been achieved by either the Austro-Germans or the Russians in the violent fighting that has been going on for several days in Volhynia and Galicia. The Petrograd war office says that near Klesin and Zolotukha, in Volhynia, violent attacks by the Austro-Germans were repulsed while Berlin re-

### HUGHES REPEATS STATEMENT ABOUT LUSITANIA ACTION.

Repetition is Called Forth by Utterance of Secretary McAdoo.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 19.—Charles E. Hughes, reiterating that he meant what he said in Louisville the other night about the course he would have followed with reference to the Lusitania, tonight replied to a recent utterance of Secretary McAdoo with the declaration that apparently it seemed impossible in the administration that one could mean what he said.

"Now rises the secretary of the treasury to complain that this was not a statement of administration policy, but the sinking occurred," Mr. Hughes said, after reiterating that he would have stated his position "unambiguously" in advance of the sinking, "I was under the impression that when I said what I would have stated in advance as to what I would do everyone would know that I meant what I said. I would have done in the described event. The secretary's remarks show in an illuminating way this administration's conception of the value of words."

"It apparently seems impossible to this administration that one can mean what he says. This is its difficulty. With a threat of action, does not seem to mean anything but words. My position is somewhat different."

"I mean what I say, and because this would have been well known, and he should already have had a reputation for firm and correct policies, I repeat that the Lusitania would not have been sunk."

### GOOD WORK OF VOLUNTEER LIFE SAVING CORPS

Saved Over 300 Lives in New York City During the Summer.

New York, Oct. 19.—More than 300 lives were saved by the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps in this city during the summer of 1916, according to statistics made public tonight. Approximately 100 volunteers operating in 31 crews and from as many stations participated in the work. The volunteers receive no salary for their services, except a small gratuity. Their equipment is furnished by the city.

### 25,000 POUNDS OF MACKEREL IN TWO CISTS OF SEINES

Record Made by Schooner Arthur James of Gloucester.

Boston, Oct. 19.—The record catch of 25,000 pounds of fresh mackerel from the Gloucester schooner Arthur James was made today. The schooner, owned by the Gloucester Fish Company, caught the fish in two seines in the outer harbor. The fish were landed at the Gloucester wharf and will be sold at the market.

### Paragrapghs

As On American Companies John, Oct. 19.—The Daily Telegraph says the loss on the Alania's cargo falls heavily on American insurance companies, as the amount placed with the British and American was very small, being chiefly comprised in covering butter valued at 40,000 pounds sterling.

### STATE LAWS FOR PHYSICAL AND MILITARY TRAINING

Advocated at Meeting of University of New York.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Two new state laws providing for physical and military training of school children were passed today by speakers at the opening session of the fifty-second convention of the University of the State of New York. The laws, which were introduced by Representative of Yale University, declared that he believed the laws would tend to make the next generation stronger and longer lived than the present one. "When the European war is really over and the world sees its face toward reconstruction," Dr. Fisher said, "anticipate that we will see a keener and clearer interest in the physical and military training of our youth. The gigantic experiment of the world, with its wonderfully good and unexpected results, is an immediate sanitary by-product of the war. The largest by-product thus far in this country seems to me to be the passage of the Welsh and Slater acts in this state providing for the obligatory military training of school children."

### SECRET HISTORY CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Is Being Divulged in Hearing of Charges Against Its Chief.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Secret history of the Chicago police department was being divulged in a hearing of charges against its chief, Captain O'Brien, today. The hearing, which is being held in the court of the city, is the first of a series of hearings which will be held in the coming weeks. The charges against Captain O'Brien are of a serious nature, and the hearing is expected to be a long and interesting one.

### POTASH DEPOSITS IN CUBA ARE OF LITTLE VALUE

Samples Show No More Potash Than Normally Found in Limestone.

Havana, Oct. 19.—The potash deposits reported to have been found in Santa Clara province have proved to be of little value, according to a report made today by the Cuban government. The report states that the samples of the deposits show no more potash than is normally found in limestone, and that the deposits are of no commercial value.

### CAUGHT BETWEEN GRAVEL AND EXPRESS CARS

James Atwell, 25, Was Instantly Killed at Lewiston, Me.

Lewiston, Me., Oct. 19.—James Atwell, 25, employed by the Great Northern Railway, was instantly killed today when he was caught between a gravel car and an express car at Lewiston, Me. The accident occurred while the train was moving, and the victim was killed instantly.

### OBITUARY.

Frederick G. Aldis.

Torrington, Conn., Oct. 19.—Frederick G. Aldis, aged 72, formerly postmaster of Torrington and a prominent in the state legislature in the session of 1911 and 1912, died last night at New Britain, Conn., after an illness of about a year.

Major Charles William Whipple.

Summit, N. J., Oct. 19.—Major Charles William Whipple, who was chief ordnance officer of the expedition to the Philippines in 1898, died at his home here Wednesday. Major Whipple was born at Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 4, 1845, and was the son of Major General A. W. Whipple, who was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. He was retired from the army Feb. 2, 1901.

## Several of Cunard Liner's Crew Lost

WHEN ALANIA WAS SUNK BY A MINE.

### IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

Passengers Had Debarked at Falmouth and the Ship Was Bound from That Port to London—Was One of the Newer Vessels of Cunard Line.

New York, Oct. 19.—The Cunard liner Alania, which sailed from this port October 7, was sunk by a mine in the English Channel today and some of her crew may have been lost, according to cable advices to the local Cunard officials. The Alania met her fate proceeding to London from Falmouth, where on Tuesday the officials said, she landed all of her 243 passengers, including twenty-one Americans, who sailed on her from New York.

Captain H. M. Benison and the majority of the crew of 250 were saved, according to the advices, but some of them were reported missing.

### All Passengers Safe.

Definite word was expected Wednesday, it was announced, of the landing of the passengers at Falmouth the day before, removing all doubts as to their safety. Moreover, no bookings, it was stated, were made for London by the steamer and all passengers were told that they would have to complete their journey from Falmouth to London by rail.

### Struck a Mine.

The cablegram telling of the vessel's loss read: "Alania struck mine in English Channel this morning. Sunk during forenoon. Benison and majority of crew saved. Several missing." Through a stenographer's error the cable was first made public in the third sentence read:

"Passengers and majority crew saved," making it appear that the passengers had been in jeopardy, but this error was later corrected.

### One of the Newer Vessels.

The Alania, one of the newer vessels of the Cunard line, sailed from New York on the day the German submarine U-53 ran aground at Newport. The vessel was built at Newport and was one of the newest vessels of the line.

### Cunard War's Supplies.

The Alania carried cargo of between 10,000 and 12,000 tons of merchandise including war supplies, but no definite word was received as to the fate of the cargo.

Among the items listed were rubber and copper goods, food supplies and chemicals. The main part of her cargo would be destroyed, it was reported, only a small portion having been put off at Falmouth.

Built in 1912, the ship was 520 feet long with a gross tonnage of 13,405.

### WARNINGS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO MARINERS

Of Presence of Mines in Course Taken by the Alania.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Charts compiled by the navy hydrographic office from announcements of the British admiralty showing the latest mined areas in the English Channel, and the fields where mines have been seen, having only a tortuous channel, the course of which is known only to admiralty vessels constantly are employed in sweeping operations both along the coast and at the entrance of commercial ports.

With these precautions to safeguard shipping, navy officials here find it difficult to understand how the Alania could have been sunk except by a mine which had broken from anchorage or one dropped by an enemy mine layer.

The United States and Great Britain perfected an agreement at the beginning of the war whereby the area of mine fields would be announced to mariners and other precautions taken to protect shipping. In order to keep the channels open to navigation admiralty vessels constantly are employed in sweeping operations both along the coast and at the entrance of commercial ports.

Orders for more than 200 aeroplanes have been placed by the war department as the first step in expansion of the aviation service under the army reorganization act and contract for about 100 additional machines of various types probably will be awarded in the near future. In most cases delivery within a short period is stipulated.

Nearly 100 of the planes already ordered are of a special school type for use at the regular army training camp at San Diego, Cal., and the national guard schools at Mineola, N. Y., and Chicago. The others are of reconnaissance, pursuit and battle types. The machines, some of which were distributed among several companies, are to develop a power ranging from 80 to 200 horse power.

Signal corps officers said tonight that with this increased equipment in immediate prospect an enlistment campaign would begin within a few days for aviators.

### Condensed Telegrams

The fourteenth annual Jovian convention opened at Indianapolis.

E. L. Doherty announced that he will build and equip a radium institute at Los Angeles.

The first squadron of Virginian Cavalry, left Richmond, Va., for the Mexican border.

Nearly every building in the village of White Rock, Me., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$40,000.

Mrs. Emma J. Stephens of New York was elected national president of the Patriotic Order of America.

Harry Somers, of Roodhouse, Ill., was killed, when two Chicago & Alton freight trains collided.

F. W. Weitzel of Washington, was indicted on 29 counts in the United States Court at Covington, Ky.

Prince Boncompagni of Italy, obtained a license to wed Margaret Preston Draper, of Washington.

Dealers in Providence have raised the retail price of all domestic sizes of anthracite coal one dollar a ton.

George Albert Smith, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected president of the International Irrigators Congress.

William Lloyd Bowron, the first member of Lodge No. 1 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is dead.

T. C. Brown, student at the Wright School, Garden City, was seriously injured by a fifteen foot fall in a practice flight.

Eight horses, four mules and 200 chickens perished in a \$10,000 fire on the farm of William Y. Holt, at Flemington, N. J.

Three women were injured in a collision of automobiles in Central Park on the West Drive at Seventy-fourth street, New York.

John D. Rockefeller arrived at Tarrytown, N. Y., from Cleveland in a special car with a retinue of twenty-six servants.

An order prohibiting the sale of meat and cigar daily to the same customer will be issued in a few days by Hungary.

Lena Bonafiglio, 19, was taken to jail charged with killing her father as he slept at Kelly Hill, near Clarksburg, W. Va.

Beginning a direct steamship service between Philadelphia and South America the steamship Carolyn sailed with a capacity cargo.

Many Germans, interned in Australia since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, arrived at Honolulu, en route to the United States.

Fred Wilson, 32 years old, kicked in the Wisconsin state prison a few days ago, died at Minneapolis, Minn., without regaining consciousness.

Prominent men and women from both the North and South were present at the dedication of the monument to Robert E. Lee on Gettysburg Battlefield.

Three men were severely injured by the fall of a steel shovel used in the construction of a new building at Lexington avenue and Seventy-second street.

Gov. Whitman granted permission to John Toomey, a convict, to attend his mother's funeral in Geneva, N. Y. The convict is serving ten years for manslaughter.

The present directors of the American Locust Company have been sustained in their management of the corporation by a vote of 253,000 shares against 75,000.

Not a single death from infantile paralysis in the entire city was reported by New York health authorities Thursday for the first time since the last week in June.

Justice J. Addison Young signed an order granting a final decree of divorce to Mrs. Marie M. Harkness from Harry S. Harkness, the wealthy sportsman, and aviator.

Clarence J. Burk was instantly killed when an automobile in which he was riding skidded across the trolley tracks in Danbury, Pa., and crashed against a telephone pole.

The Paris Figaro states the Duke of Orleans, pretender to the French throne, is to seek a Papal annulment of his marriage to the Archduchess Maria Dorothea of Austria.

Plum pudding and mince pies in Ontario will be minus brandy sauce this year. The Ontario License Board has ruled use of liquor for this purpose violates the prohibition act.

A munitions factory and the 39th street ferry terminals were threatened by the flames which destroyed two brick factory buildings in Brooklyn, causing damage estimated at \$35,000.

An unidentified man, apparently about 50 years old, was struck and killed on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad about half a mile east of the Milford station by an east bound express.

The United States Public Health Service announced the beginning of strict quarantine measures to prevent the spread of cholera, which is now prevalent in parts of Asia, to the United States.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey will apply for the unloading of the States yesterday, one from the Guild and one from the Canadian north-west, had spread out and almost disappeared tonight after unbalancing temperatures throughout most of the country.

Brooklyn ministers are determined to have Billy Sunday conduct a campaign in their borough. An invitation signed by 400 preachers and laymen of Brooklyn some time ago will be sent to the Evangelist.

Lyman Hall, born in Walthamford in 1724, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was honored by his native town in the unveiling of a memorial boulder, and the laying of the cornerstone of the Lyman Hall high school.

The International Milk Dealers at the close of their convention at Springfield, Mass., voted to establish in Washington a research to work in collaboration with national research bureaus to investigate scientific distribution of milk.

A children's pageant will feature tomorrow's session.

## FIRE LOSS AT WATCH HILL ABOUT \$250,000

Flames in Strong Gale Threatened the Most Populous Section of Famous Summer Resort

### WATCH HILL HOUSE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED

Two Other Hotels, the Colonial House and the Columbia

House and Two Cottages Are a Mass of Ruins—Firemen

Worked Hard to Save the Spark-Showered Buildings in

Bay Street—Heavy Rain Finally Completely Extinguished

the Flames—Two Mystic Men Received Serious Burns

While Working on the Engine.

(By a Staff Correspondent)

The most disastrous fire ever in the town of Westerly, and which threatened the more populous section of the village of Watch Hill occurred Thursday night and but for the timely arrival and excellent service of the LaFrance pumper of the Mystic fire department in fighting the flames, the Watch Hill in 25 minutes and immediately took station in Bay street and dropped suction in the bay and in short order three powerful streams were available.

Sparks Fell in Showers.

At this time the Colonial Hotel was burning the other four buildings being completely destroyed. The sparks were falling in showers over the buildings in Bay street. The Narragansett Hotel was in danger but was saved by a well directed stream.

Heavy Rainfall Aided.

Then the firemen directed their attention to saving the spark covered buildings in Bay street and after a vigorous effort succeeded in saving the Colonial House and the two cottages. The fire was under control and aided by a heavy rainfall the destruction of other buildings was averted. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Two Men Seriously Burned.

Luke McKenon and Ernest Bilven of the Mystic company were seriously burned while at work on the engine. They were putting gasoline in the tank when the engine ignited the fluid and immediately the two young men were a mass of flames. Mr. McKenon jumped overboard and so doing received a cut in the head by contact with a rock, while the flames on Mr. Bilven were smothered. Both young men were severely burned about the face and hands.

Five Buildings a Mass of Ruins.

The Mystic machine returned home just before midnight and soon thereafter the other fire companies were dismissed. A heavy rain completely extinguished the flames and the five buildings are a mass of ruins.

### RANCHMEN AND SHERIFFS LOOKING FOR TRAIN ROBBERS.

Believe They Have Them Surrounded in a Ravine.

Bliss, Okla., Oct. 19.—Ranchmen from several counties, reinforced by numerous deputy sheriffs, waited today for some sign from the ravine where it is believed the men who last night robbed the Atchafalaya Express train took refuge. Preparations for a siege had been made, but it was expected that the robbers, in the hope of escape, would make a dash and precipitate a fight.

Perry Norman, express messenger, was killed by the robbers when he showed light to the train. A safe was demolished by an overcharge of explosive, so that much of its contents was destroyed. Rumors said the bandit obtained a loss of \$10,000, but this was based on conjecture.

Six men participated in the robbery, flagging the train at a desolate spot near the Atchafalaya river. The robbers worked briskly, two guarding the train crew, who had been forced to uncouple the engine, express and mail cars and run them a short distance down the track. The train crew, standing sentinel on the rear car, while the remaining two attended to the train crew. Their work completed, the outlaws fled in automobiles.

News of the robbery was not received until the train reached Bliss, although the shooting of Norman attracted the attention of ranchmen, who immediately took up the trail of the bandits. It was because of this that they were located so soon after the robbery.

### WARSHIPS WERE NOT ASKED TO MOVE

Official Announcement in Washington Denies Statement in British Parliament.

Washington, Oct. 19.—It was announced officially that the complete information on hand now contained no evidence that American destroyers had been requested to move to the U-boat could destroy a ship without accident. The attention given that the British parliament Tuesday in British parliament caused surprise. Such as officials attach little importance to it one way or the other. It is pointed out that the destroyers were on hand purely for humanitarian purposes and that so long as international law was being observed it was but an act of courtesy for the German commander to give notice that he intended to sink the vessel.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, acting secretary of the navy in the absence of Joseph Daniels, is quoted in a written service here as saying in a written statement:

"It can be stated definitely, that the destroyers of the United States navy which went to the vicinity of the Nantuxet Shoals light vessel Sunday, Oct. 8, in response to S. O. S. calls, did not in any way violate their duty of neutrality in regard to the vessels sunk or the passengers and crews thereof. The action of the navy was in absolute accordance with international law and the dictates of humanity."

### TWO STORMS SWEEP OVER UNITED STATES

One From the Gulf and One Out of the Canadian Northwest.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Both of the storms that swept into the United States yesterday, one from the Gulf and one out of the Canadian northwest, had spread out and almost disappeared tonight after unbalancing temperatures throughout most of the country.

Throughout the east it was uniformly warmer than normal by 10 to 14 degrees today, while the central and mountain country felt their first real winter weather.